



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Valles Caldera National Preserve
Landscape Restoration and Stewardship Plan

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Valles Caldera National Preserve Landscape Restoration and Stewardship Plan prepared by the Valles Caldera Trust.

EPA Region 6 provided comments on the Draft EIS (DEIS) dated September 23, 2013. EPA rated the DEIS as "EC-2" i.e., EPA has "environmental concerns and requests additional information". EPA is pleased the FEIS includes additional analysis and information regarding the proposed action to address our concerns. We have no additional comments and look forward to the receipt of the Record of Decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FEIS. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Keith Hayden, of my staff, at (214) 665-2133 or via e-mail at hayden.keith@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Weeks", is written over a horizontal line.

Craig Weeks
Chief, Office of Planning
and Coordination